

Church to Set Cornerstone Today for New Edifice

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RULING NEAR FOR BEACH MINING

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think a backyard bomb shelter would save your family's life in event of an attack?" the Pennies Photographer asked Torrance area shoppers this week.

Mrs. Ken Schaefer, Gardena: "I think it would depend on how it was built and if the shelter could provide enough necessities for the family to stay in it for a long period. I think it's time to start thinking about this."

Mrs. Ira Pringle, 3816 W. 180th St.: "I think bomb shelters are a good idea. I would like to have one built if possible. I think the saving of lives depends on how close a bomb drops."

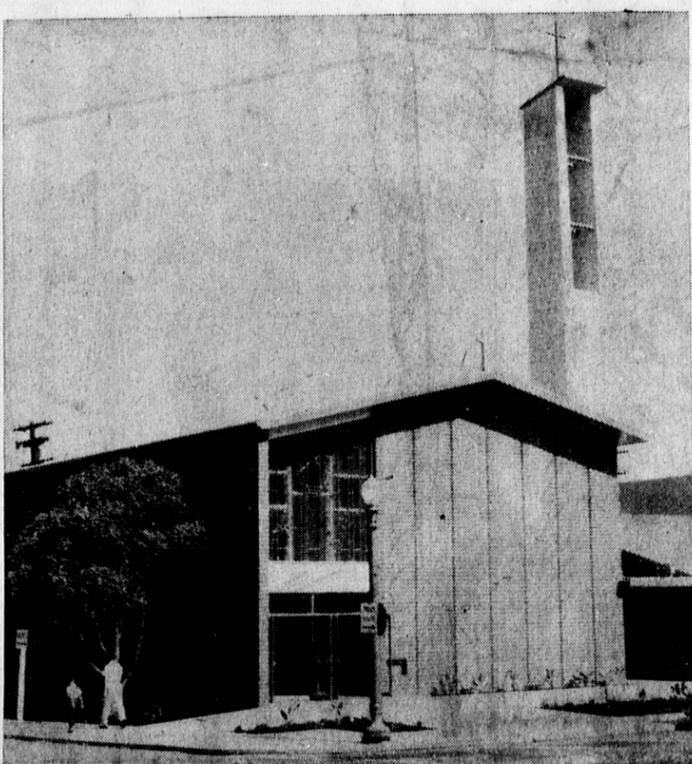
Fred Ellis, 18503 Crenshaw Blvd.: "I don't think backyard shelters would save lives because as a rule the husband is at work and children are at school. I think they are a waste of money because the people that should use them probably won't be at home when a bomb drops."

Mrs. Bradford Gott, 18021 Glenburn Ave.: "I think a backyard bomb shelter would save our lives although if a bomb hit we might not have time to get to a shelter. I think everyone should take some kind of precaution to prepare for an attack."

Mrs. James Gualtieri, 2744 W. 175th St.: "I don't think a backyard shelter would do much good because whether a shelter saves a family's lives probably depends on where you live in the Los Angeles basin. I would like to have one though."

If You Forgot It's Earlier Than You Think

Did you set your clock back last night? If not it's earlier than you think. Pacific Standard Time officially went into effect at 2 this morning and clocks should have been set back one hour when retiring. Short daylight evenings are back. Summer also ended officially Friday night.



Methodist Church Rites To Mark New Sanctuary

Cornerstone ceremonies have been scheduled for 10 a.m. today at the new \$150,000 sanctuary of the First Methodist Church at Manuel and El Prado.

The Rev. Gilbert Zimmerman, pastor of the church, will officiate at the rite which will be held between the two regular Sunday morning worship services. The Rev. Edward Goodell, associate pastor, will join with the Rev. Zimmerman in officiating today.

The new building, nearing completion adjacent to the structure of the long established Torrance church, was begun last January. It will feature a collection of unique religious art in windows and statuary.

Highlight of today's service will be the unveiling of the "Living Cross," a creation by Sculptor Paul Salsberg of Torrance. The cross features many innovations, church officials state, and has many symbolic references to the life of Christ. A tour of the new building and an explanation of the many Christian symbols of the edifice is scheduled after the cornerstone ceremonies today.

First services in the sanctuary are scheduled for 9 a.m. next Sunday.



JUMBO PLAQUE . . . If size is any indication, area Democratic clubs and civic leaders hold Assemblyman Vincent Thomas in high esteem. Here Thirvin D. Fleetwood (left) and Harmon Balcher of the North Torrance Democratic Club show plaque which will be presented to the popular assemblyman next Saturday evening at a testimonial dinner at the Mary Star of the Sea Church auditorium in San Pedro. (Herald Photo)



CEREMONY TODAY . . . Cornerstone ceremonies have been scheduled for 10 a. m. today at the First Methodist Church, Manuel and El Prado, as the congregation prepares to occupy its new edifice (left). An earlier photo from the HERALD files, date unknown, shows the church as it looked many years ago. (Herald Photos)



WILLIAM J. TEAGUE
 Banquet Speaker

Chamber Banquet Planned

Torrance's citizen of the year will be named Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the annual chamber of commerce banquet in the South High School cafeteria.

Speaker will be William J. Teague, Pepperdine College vice president. Future chamber projects will be revealed and new officers installed.

They are Harold G. Frentz, president; James Hall, first vice president; Art Woodcock, second vice president; William Belding, treasurer; and Don Reining, secretary-manager.

The program will start at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Stuart Marsee, El Camino College president, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Teague graduated from Ablene Christian College where he majored in speech and Bible. He did graduate work in human relations and school administration at Columbia University Teachers' College.

The speaker is a member of the American College Public Relations Assn. and the Los Angeles Breakfast Club. He worked as a sports-caster before going into college administration.

Area Hospitals Plan Polio Clinics Again

"Polio clinics" will be repeated at five greater South Bay community hospitals Thursday, Sept. 28, for persons who need polio booster inoculations, or who wish to begin or continue a polio inoculation series.

Five hospitals involved will offer the inoculations Thursday from 4 through 8 p.m. at a nominal charge of \$1, medical spokesmen said.

The program is under auspices of Southwest District of Los Angeles County Medical Assn. The Southwest district of LACMA will make physicians available during the designated hours.

Hospitals will provide space, equipment, nursing personnel, and serum. Auxiliary and volunteer units will provide secretarial aid and other assistance which may be necessary, according to Dr. William A. Taylor, president of the local district medical organization.

Gardenan Hurt

Howard Frank Reeder, 52, of Gardena, was treated for minor injuries and released early Thursday morning after a two-car collision at the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd. and 182nd St. Driver of the other car involved was Lee Roy Maxey, 47, of Long Beach.

Search for Good Neighbor Opened

Announcement of Torrance's "Good Neighbor" for 1961 has been scheduled for Oct. 14 at the YMCA's annual "Good Neighbor Breakfast," hailed as the oldest, biggest, and best pancake breakfast in the Greater Southwest.

Nominations are now being accepted by the YMCA, according to Dr. Allen Pyeatt, president of the board of managers. Nominations should be in letter form, he said.

Winners of the title are given the "Pop Warner" trophy, a memorial to the late A. C. "Pop" Warner who was active in the YMCA and other community organizations.

CHAIRMAN FOR this year's event is Dr. Rollin Smith, the second year he has headed the huge community program. Nearly 3000 persons attended last year's breakfast, according to Dr. Smith.

Nominations for the new "Good Neighbor" should include specific citations of the person's activities which are considered in selection of the winner, Dr. Pyeatt said. He said the nominees could be any persons, man or woman, who has been serving the community unselfishly in the traditional manner of a good neighbor.

LAST YEAR'S winner was Mrs. Russell Paxton, 1301 Crenshaw Blvd., whose activities won the title for her. Among the acts for which she was cited included her practice of baking and distributing pumpkin pies to children at Halloween.

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State Set to Decide

Rulings on applications of two Downey men for a permit to allow prospecting and mining minerals off Torrance beach are due from the State Lands Commission on Oct. 26, it was reported here yesterday by Robert K. Dower, assistant city attorney.

The two men, H. P. Ritsch and Edward Christofferson, have requested state permission to prospect for magnetite in the off-shore waters along Torrance beach. The permit would lead to a 20-year lease to the pair for the mining operation, Dower reported.

TORRANCE has objected to the request on the grounds that such an operation would pose a threat to the public enjoyment of the beach and surf facilities.

The petitioners have stated before the state group that their operation would be no more unsightly than the fishing barges now anchored off the coastal area.

OFFICIALS OF Torrance and nearby cities, however, have expressed fears that the operation would spoil the area for swimming, fishing, and other sports; that it could lead to erosion problems along the Peninsula area; and that it would lessen the value of the beach as a recreational area.

Attorneys for the petitioners have asked the city to remove its objection. Plans and documents for the operation will be studied by councilmen this week before a final decision is made on the matter. The subject may be discussed at the (Continued on Page 2)

L.A. Man Held in Slaying

His daughter was a principle witness Thursday as a 61-year-old man was held to answer charges of murdering his son and assaulting his son-in-law and daughter with intent to murder them.

Mrs. John Blonor, 24122 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, testified against her father, Richard T. Henke, before Municipal Judge Ernestine Stahlhut.

Henke was ordered to appear in Superior Court on Oct. 5.

Henke's son, Charles, 37, was assertedly killed in the Los Angeles home he shared with his father on Aug. 21. Henke then accosted the Blonor couple in Lomita, shooting Blonor as he answered the door.

Blonor, paralyzed from the waist down supposedly as a result of the assault, did not testify Thursday. He was listed as critical by hospital officials for several days after the shooting.

Henke's wife died about nine months before the shooting, and relatives said the widower had been despondent over her death.

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